

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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)
v.) DOCKET NO. 08-10071
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BRIMA WURIE)
Defendant)
)

**MOTION OF COUNSEL TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD
AND INCORPORATED FACTS**

Now comes John Benzan, the present counsel of record for Brima Wurie, the above-named defendant, and hereby moves this Honorable Court for leave to withdraw as counsel of record and for the appointment of new counsel.

As reasons therefore, counsel states and avers that an irretrievable breakdown of the attorney-client relationship has occurred and there is absolutely no chance for it to be reconstructed. Specifically, the defendant has expressed both privately and publicly that he has no confidence in the undersigned counsel to further represent him. The defendant and his family have indicated to counsel in no uncertain terms that they wish for him to withdraw as counsel and to discontinue further representation of Brima Wurie.

Furthermore, counsel cannot continue to represent Brima Wurie due to the irretrievable breakdown of the relationship between them. Counsel cannot work with the defendant in preparing an adequate sentencing presentation due to the lack of mutual trust and confidence.

The defendant, Brima Wurie, has been in federal custody since the date of his arrest and does not possess sufficient funds to hire new private counsel. The undersigned counsel further moves that this Honorable Court appoint him new counsel.

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Respectfully submitted,

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